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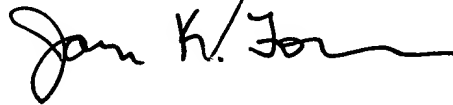
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that the citation of the above-listed references does not constitute an admission that these references qualify as prior art.

The enclosed references were cited in a Communication by the Japanese Patent Office (copy enclosed). Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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